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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan  
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine  
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### SOUTH FORK TRAIL #549

Length: 10 miles (16 km.)

Use: Light

Difficulty: More difficult

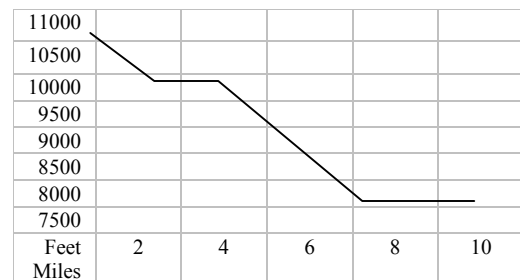
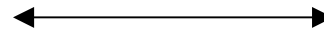
USGS Map (s) Monument Hill

Starting Elevation: 10,200'  
End of Junction Creek Road

Ending Elevation: 7,800'  
Hermosa Creek

#### Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Recommended Season: Spring/Summer/Fall

#### Access # 1 (Junction Creek)

Turn west on 25<sup>th</sup> St. in Durango. Stay on 25<sup>th</sup> St. until it turns into Junction Creek Road. Follow for 3 miles until it turns to gravel at the cattle guard. Continue on the main road for about 19 miles to the trailhead, where there is plenty of parking.

#### Attractions &

Considerations : This trail provides beautiful meadows, great views, and access to other trails. There are a few creek

crossings, and in the spring it can be a challenge to cross. From the junction with the Hermosa Creek Trail, one could hike down the trail roughly 2 miles to Clear Creek and hike back up to the top, or you could hike out on the main Hermosa Creek Trail either north or south. The bridge is across Hermosa Creek.



#### *Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map*

Forest Service maps and other publications are available at the Public Lands Center in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off Highway 160, or by calling (970) 247-4874.  
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